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Date: July 23, 2025

In the matter of:	)	
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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	

APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT
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FOR APPLICANT
Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On December 27, 2024, DoD issued a Statement of Reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis of that decision – security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of the National Security Adjudicative Guidelines (AG) in Appendix A of Security Executive Agent Directive 4 (effective June 8, 2017) and DoD Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). On June 18, 2025, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals Administrative Judge Erin C. Hogan denied Applicant national security eligibility. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

The SOR alleged four delinquent debts that totaled approximately $31,500, and the Judge found adversely regarding all allegations. There is no presumption of error below and the appealing party has the burden of raising claims of error with specificity. Directive ¶ E3.1.30. On appeal, Applicant makes no assertion of error on the part of the Judge, but rather requests reconsideration and the opportunity to continue in his job. The Appeal Board does not review cases *de novo* and our authority to review a case is limited to matters in which the appealing party has raised a claim of harmful error. Applicant has not alleged any such error, and the adverse impact of an

unfavorable eligibility determination on an applicant's career is not relevant in evaluating his security suitability. *See* DISCR OSD Case No. 91-0322, 1993 WL 99569 at *3 (App. Bd. Mar. 9, 1993). Accordingly, the Judge's decision is affirmed.

Order

The decision in ISCR Case No. 24-01982 is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: Moira Modzelewski
Moira Modzelewski
Administrative Judge
Chair, Appeal Board

Signed: Jennifer I. Goldstein
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Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: Allison Marie
Allison Marie
Administrative Judge
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